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TOWN

Monson dog ordered to remain restrained outdoors

By Rebecca Wehner Staff Writer rwehner@turley.com

MONSON- Following an ongoing series of concerns regarding a dog deemed dangerous by the Select Board, an order was given to keep the dog restrained and muzzled outside of its property.

The debate regarding the dog, Asha of Cedar Swamp Road, finally closed on the May 9 Select Board meeting after Chair Patricia Oney stated that the owners had complied with the orders given to them.

"Substantial compliance has been met," Oney said. "After this long process, I am satisfied with the measures that have been taken by

the dog's owners per our order." This article was first discussed on Nov. 29, 2022, when a written complaint was given to the Select Board regarding Asha's dangerous disposition. The resident who submitted the statement, Dimitri Krutov, said that the dog had attacked him and his son years earlier, and had recently chased his young

daughter in the neighborhood. Asha is owned by Melissa and Bill Kierkla, with Krutov abutting their property on one side and Shirley Lamb on the other side. Lamb testified that Asha had attacked her husband in 2018, and has continued to disturb the neighbors by barking for long periods of time daily and raising concerns of safety.

At a hearing on Jan. 10, the dog was eventually deemed "dangerous". An order was given to Asha's owners to keep the dog humanely restrained when outdoors with a runner that is no closer than 50 feet away from the abutting properties.

When outside of the owners' property, Asha was ordered to be muzzled and restrained on a leash no longer than three feet to assure safety to neighbors and community members.

During last week's meeting, the selectboard spoke with Melissa Kierkla to verify that her dog was in compliance with all orders, and Kierkla verified that all necessary equipment was purchased and is

"The order states that the dog only needs to be muzzled if it leaves the property," Kierkla said. "So the runner is up, but she never leaves the property so we didn't get the muzzle.'

COMMUNITY

By Paula Ouimette

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the Quaboag Valley Food Poli-

cy Council discussed ways they

could make sure that each voice

is heard when it comes to deci-

new," Council Coordinator Cait-

lin Geaghan said, and members

are still organizing and planning.

once they have finished the plan-

ning process and determined the

needs of the region, the Council

can expand beyond the 12 towns

options available to the Council

Geaghan said there are a few

it currently covers.

sion making.

REGION - Members of

'This Council is extremely

She said the hope is that

Lamb said through her observations at the abutting property that the Kierklas did not comply with the regulations given until a later hearing, when the Select Board and Police Department deliberated on taking Asha away. Lamb said she would want to see consequences given to the Kierklas for not complying at the right time.

"I realize that there was some issue with the timeliness of the compliance, but at this point given that they are in compliance I have no interest in taking their dog or dragging this on," Oney said.

Kierkla's compliance was accepted and no additional consequences were given.

Select Board meetings can be watched at m-pact.tv.





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Teachers and paraprofessionals enjoyed treats from the food truck hired by Palmer Public Schools PTO a few of the members on hand were (from left) Ashley Cowher, Stacy Ashford, Amy Zajac, Michele Holbrook, and Alissa Chapin.

TEACHER APPRECIATION



Old Mill Pond students are all smiles with the snack cart for the teachers and paraprofessionals (from left) Jaclyn Swiatlowski, Olivia Drewnowski, Aria Nompleggi, Rylie Holbrook, with Nathan Drewnowski in the

Food policy council wants to hear

food truck.

Appreciation Week.

Old Mill Pond's raffle, a breakfast buffet, a snack cart and a

PALMER - The Palmer

Teachers got decorated

Public School system honored

its teachers to celebrate Teacher

cookies, a free raffle entry in the

GOVERNMENT

Reparations long overdue for Quabbin Reservoir

Legislators pitch five bills to the state

> By Christal Whelan cwhelan@turley.com

The Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources convened at the Massachusetts State House last month to consider the testimonies in regard to 34 bills related to waterways, wetlands, water resources and oceans in Massa-

Justice for the towns around the Quabbin Reservoir was high on the agenda with five bills, more than four legislators, and several citizens all testifying in support of some kind of compensation to the communities in western Massachusetts who have lost rather than gained by sharing one of their greatest natural resources - water - with the commonwealth. Collectively, the tone of the legislators was one of moral outrage for the annexation of land, the human cost of flooding a vast and populated plain to build the Quabbin Reservoir, and the continued one-way gain for eastern Mas-

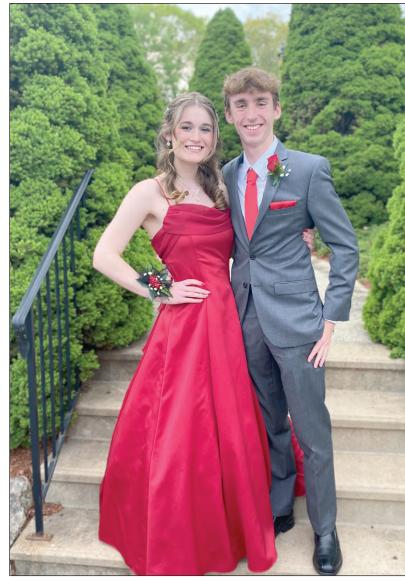
In a swift three-minute pitch, the time allotted to all the speakers, state Rep. Aaron Saunders addressed the uncomfortable issue of regional equity, and recommended a closer examination of how the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has been operating for decades since the towns of Enfield, Prescott, Greenwich and Dana were first disincorporated and then completely submerged to make this enormous, life-sustaining Quabbin Reservoir.

The bills aim to offer some kind of consideration to the communities that continue to steward the Quabbin watershed. At present, a section of the bill prohibits any

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SCHOOLS

Prom season at Pathfinder



Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon Miranda Pratt and Nathan Bigda pose in red formalwear for the night's event. More photos on page 8.

all voices in future decision making when it comes to making deci- or a two-thirds vote or plurality. sions, including single person de-

> sus and group decides by voting. Single person decides would allow for one member of the group to have decision-making responsibilities, either with or without input from the rest of the members.

> With group decides by consensus, decisions would either be hard, where all would agree; or soft, where most would agree, but those that don't wouldn't be upset by the decision.

Group decides by voting would have members use either a ballot, hand or voice vote.

Members could decide on a minimum vote, a simple majority

Council members agreed cides, group decides by consen-

that most decisions should be made by the group, possibly leaving minor, day-to-day decisions up to Geaghan and Project Coordinator for Community Health, Emily Coderre.

Linda Fuchs, an organic farmer from Brimfield, said having a single person decides method would negate people's time spent being in a group.

"The advantage of this group is the diversity of organizations present," she said.

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance suggested using consensus

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TEDDY, SUSHI AND BELLA

These are Jane Mirabile's beloved Teddy, Sushi, and Bella, who come from Monson but are now living in Georgia and Maine. We feature your pets here. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.



TEACHER APPRECIATION



On Sunday May 7, students Jillian Holbrook, Kierra Roche and Rylie Holbrook put up lawn signs, drew with chalk and hung posters decorating the outside of the schools to show their appreciation.



Submitted photos

Students Dylan Holbrook and Kenndyl Roberts went around with the cart and are here with the cafeteria



Students Anthony Braden, Jayden Riopel, Hannah Miner, Aria Nompleggi, Adelynn Allard, Emily Provost, Jaclyn Swiatlowski, and Isabelle Braden decorated the sidewalk outside of Old Mill Pond School. During Teacher Appreciation Week, Teachers were given decorated cookies, a free raffle entry in the OMP PTO raffle, a breakfast buffet, a snack cart delivered goodies and a food truck was on setup at the end of the week.

Memorial Day celebrations in Monson

MONSON — The town, in conjunction with American Legion Post 241 and the Patriotic Celebrations Committee welcomes Monson families and friends of the community to honor and pay tribute to service members and veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice or have otherwise passed on.

Those who want to pay tribute and people who served in the Armed Forces are encouraged to participate by placing flags at their eternal place of rest. Monsoon's Veterans Office asks people to meet at one of these cemeteries 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday,

- Bethany Cemetery, located on Bethany Road • Hillside Cemetery, located on the corner of Mill and Main Street
- Hillcrest Cemetery, located on Wilbraham

• Brimfield Road Cemetery on the corner of Aldrich and Brimfield Roads

Members of the American Legion Post 241 and Patriotic Celebrations Committee will be on-site at each location to provide flags, flag placement protocol instructions and assist as necessary.

This is a family friendly event that will take place rain or shine. Organizers ask that dogs always remain leashed and in control by their owner.

Graves marked with veteran markers and headstones will be provided with a flag. In the event your family member, relative, or friend does not have a military marker or headstone, the town asks that you notify a member of the on-site Patriotic Celebrations Committee. Flags will be provided for placement at the Veterans place of rest and will be added to the list of Veterans buried in the cemetery.

In the event of an oversight or missed gravesite. Flags will be available at the following locations:

- Town of Monson Cemetery Department, 32 Wilbraham Road
- Town of Monson Veterans Service Department, 110 Main Street, Suite 011
- American Legion Post 241, 143 Palmer Road
- Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge Street Family members, loved ones, and Friends are

encouraged pick-up a flag, place the flag at the veteran's location of rest and notify the Town of Monson's Veterans Services Director, Troy Brin at tbrin@monson-ma.gov or 413.267.4140.

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at mharrison@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays.

We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Baystate Health's Mobile Blood Donation Team is coming on June 7

PALMER - The Baystate Health Blood Donation team will host a blood drive at Baystate Wing Hospital Wednesday, June 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additionally, blood drives will be held every other month on Wednesdays throughout the year at Baystate Wing including on Aug. 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6.

Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat); and have not donated blood within the past eight

Blood drives will be held at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright St., in Snow Conference Room C. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card of their choice. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood please call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600. Donners please note the hospital location you would like to make your donation at when you make your appointment.

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when they can, even if informally.

"In a lot of ways, I see a food policy council driven by collecting thinking and very participatory,"

Kirsten Krieger, public health nurse of the Ouabbin Health District said she thinks it would be beneficial if there was a core membership determining options for decisions and then taking them to a vote.

She said different people have different perspeces and this could pose a challenge with voting. "You may get so many ideas that it's difficult to

get them to a vote. A core group could bring the options to a general body," Krieger said.

Michelle Holmgren, Public and Community Relations at Baystate Wing Hospital, said day to day decisions handled by the leadership team would be good, and the team could bring these decisions back to the members.

Krieger said Council members should also think about intentionally growing the group to represent more diversity

The first hybrid training opportunity of the QVFPC will be held on Wednesday, May 31 from 4-5:15 p.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland,

Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discus-

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June 13 election information for Palmer Residents

PALMER – Tuesday, June 13, is the date of Palmer's Town Election, and mail-in ballots are available on request from the Town

Among the seats up for election are one seat on Town Council at Large; one seat for Town Council District 1; two seats on the Planning Board; two seats on the School Committee.

Robert Lavoie is running for

Councilor at large; Matthew Lovell, Bonny Rathbone, and Joseph Nompleggi are running for School Committee; Scott Day and Shelby Francis Lamothe are running for Planning Board; and Philip Hebert is running for District 1 Councilor.

Polling stations will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Normally, residents will be expected to vote at the polling location associated with their district during those hours, but

they can also request a ballot by contacting the Town Clerk's office.

In order to receive a ballot, residents need to submit a written request with their signature to Town Clerk Susan Coache, at least 10 days before the election. This can be mailed to the Town Clerk at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

For more information, call the Town Clerk at 413-283-2608.

Monson among those recognized by MassDEP for 'exemplary' water service

BOSTON – In honor of National Drinking Water Week, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has awarded 61 public water systems and operators for excellent service to the public.

Monson Water and Sewer was honored as the winner in the Western Region.

The awardees demonstrated exceptional compliance records, leading conservation efforts, and a commitment to water quality, according to a press release.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration is proud to recognize our dedicated drinking water suppliers and professionals as part of our celebration of National Drinking Water Week," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Re- that water delivered to consumers becca Tepper.

"Public water suppliers in Massachusetts continue to show great dedication delivering safe, clean, healthy drinking water to our resi-

According to MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple, "Reliable access to quality water is critical to people's daily lives. We are proud to partner with and honor this year's award recipients in recognition of their round-the-clock efforts to operate superior water systems that provide this vital service – keeping Massachusetts residents safe and improving our resiliency.'

MassDEP works directly with drinking water utilities to make sure

meets all federal and state standards and is clean and abundant, the release states. For more than 36 years, during National Drinking Water Week in May, MassDEP has recognized and awarded certain exemplary systems that have reached a high level of service for their work over the preceding year. This year's public ceremony was held at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll issued a proclamation declaring it Drinking Water Week in the Commonwealth - in recognition of water as a precious natural resource that is directly tied to our health and standard of living enjoyed by Massachusetts residents.

Local Democrats to elect delegates to state convention

MONSON — The town's Democrats will convene in person and at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss Street, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, to elect four delegates and four alternates to represent Monson at the 2023 State Democratic Con-

According to a news release, registered and pre-registered Democrats in Monson 16 years old by May 23 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/mass-

dems-convention.

The 2023 Convention will be in person at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on Sept. 23.

Those interested in getting involved with the Monson Democratic Town Committee should contact Karen Nothe-Valley at karen_monsondems@yahoo.com or 413-846-

Violin virtuoso to perform at Keep Homestead

MONSON — Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, presents Sarah The Fiddler in a free outdoor concert at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, on the side lawn (weather permitting).

The moment Sarah's bow touches the strings, her passion for music is evident combining her influences of classical, bluegrass and Celtic music to create a unique style and sound. She has performed with numerous orchestras, bands and theater groups.

Sarah began classical violin

lessons at the age of 4 studying with the Suzuki method and at age 6 she began fiddling lessons. In 1994 she was concertmaster of Springfield's Young People's Symphony and has also participated in the Holyoke Civic Symphony and Westfield

During Sarah's 20 year career, she has won over 300 contests.

The program starts at 1:30 pm and is open to the public free of charge, though donations are always welcome.

Shuttle service

will be available from Colonial Village at 12:30 pm and the parking lot at First Church on High Street from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket.

This event is funded by the Town of Monson's Regional Economic Development Organization Grant. For more information about the KHM, go to keephomesteadmuseum.org.

CAMPUS

Holyoke Community College

The following local students have been accepted for membership into the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national

Claudette Fernandes and Matthew Johnson of Palmer and Angela Tindell-Gula of Three

honor society at Holyoke Community College:

Students are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa when they have completed at least 15 college credits while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. HCC's spring 2023 inductees will be recognized in a virtual ceremony on Thursday, May 18.

University of the Cumberlands

Adam Szymanski of Monson recently graduated from University of the Cumberlands. More than 2,100 graduates celebrated the completion of their undergraduate or graduate degrees from Cumberlands this spring.

"Graduates, today marks a significant milestone in your lives," said Dr. Larry L. Cockrum, university president, during the ceremonies.

You have persevered through years of hard work and dedication and now stand here, ready to take on the world. I am honored to congratulate each and every one of you on your outstanding achievements."

Western Governors University

Kylie Siniscalchi of Palmer has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University Leavitt School of Health. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

University of Rhode Island

Mary Godek, a native of Wales, was recently initiated into the University of Rhode Island Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed new initiates from 78 universities in April.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five% of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Bridgewater State University

Cameron Keating and Elizabeth Zollo of Monson were among the graduates who received their degrees during Bridgewater State University's 182nd Spring Commencement Convocation held at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, May 13. BSU's 2023 commencement celebrated the power of art and the performing arts to enrich our lives and recognized those who have made their mark in the region and beyond.



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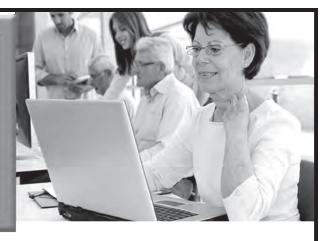
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GUEST OPINION

Planning for safe celebrations for your teen

By Abaigeal Duda

It's prom and graduation celebration season, which for teens can be both exciting and worrisome. For parents, this may also be true, but for different reasons.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens and that one out of three crashes involve alcohol or other substances. In rural areas like ours, when these tragedies occur, they are felt by the entire community. How can we support our young people so that they create positive memories of these milestones?

There are some practical steps that you can take as a parent, or caregiver:

The most important and effective is also typically the most overlooked: Have an honest conversation. How do you feel about underage drinking and other substance use? If you aren't aware of the negative effects on the development of young brains, it's worth understanding that there can be long-term consequences.

One Choice (saying no to all substances) has a good overview at tinyurl.com/5jzsyhtd. Studies show that encouraging young people to make choices that support their health, wellbeing and long-term success rather than trying to scare them with horror stories to avoid – is the most effective approach.

People tend to overestimate how many other people use substances like alcohol and other drugs. In the Quaboag Hills region, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance conducts surveys in our school districts, and it is true of all schools and grade levels that most students are making choices not to use substances.

If you aren't sure how to start a conversation with a child or teen, get examples from "Talk. They Hear You" at samhsa.gov. Another way to have a conversation about driving expectations is to Take "The Pledge," an agreement between caregivers and teens available at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance website at qhsua.org.

Know who is driving your teen. The night of prom or graduation, will another teen be driving? A parent? An older sibling? A hired vehicle and driver? In our area, we do not have the same transportation options that are available in more urban areas. If a teen suddenly realizes that his/her/their ride has been drinking, calling for a cab or rideshare is very unlikely to be a viable option.

No matter who is supposed to drive, make sure that your child knows that you are available to take a call if there is any question about transportation safety or any other questionable situation that may arise. You might agree upon a text or emoji to send to you to let you know that you are needed so that he/she/they don't have to have an awkward conversation that might be overheard about unsafe behavior.

If you are hosting a graduation party at your home for your teen, make it a "dry" party. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Massachusetts' underage drinking laws known as the Social Host Law. If underage drinking does happen on your property, you could face criminal or civil liability charges. Make a list of fun activities with your teen and his/her/their friends that they would enjoy doing together to create positive memories that will last a long, healthy lifetime.

Healthy celebrations are celebrations worth remembering.

Abaigeal Duda is STOP Act Grant project director at the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. For more information, or if you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the statewide helpline at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phone line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also go to hub.helplinema.org/findhelp.



Flowering problems you may encounter this spring

My mom called up last night, disappointed that there is only one bud in her entire clump of Bearded Iris.

I am always one to turn a question into a column, so why don't we get to the bottom of my mother's sparse irises and also delve into why some flowers haven't given us the wow factor this spring.

If once upon a time your irises bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they

are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our this climate, should be accomplished every three or four years.

Surprisingly, and unlike most other pe-

rennials, division of irises should take place in July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

If you have no blooms, feel free to get the job done now!

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried anart by hand

The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral.

Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down.

The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well; keep it clear or blooms may be sac-

If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Many gardeners remarked that their Forsythia didn't usher in spring last month as usual. Very few blossoms but lots of green foliage.

Presently, my Japanese Rose (Kerria japonica), usually a showstopper, looks

> just about the same and I hear so do some types of Azaleas.

Why? am guessing that the buds killed by the one really cold, minus 17 night. Sometimes, if we have a few

inches of snow when temperatures dip, you will see blossoms on the forsythia down low, where the snow insulated the buds on those low branches.

Lots of folks are sad when a tulip patch that bloomed prolifically the year before, doesn't do so well the year after.

Tulips are bred more for their flowers and less for longevity in the garden. Some species are more apt to return than others, namely Darwin Hybrids, Emperor, and the more diminutive wildflower tulips, Greigii and Kaufmanniana among other, less known species.

Planting at the proper depth tulips usually 3 times the height of the bulb) in a sunny location with good drainage will get you off to a good start, and then we leave it up to Mother Nature to to ensure adequate moisture in late winter/early spring, followed by a dry

Fingers crossed for repeat blooming in year two and beyond. Hoping early flower woes will give way to a summer's worth of flowers.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Should octogenarians tell Social Security they married?

Dear Rusty: We were married two years ago at age 78 and 81. Do we need to do anything with Social Security? Signed: Blissfully Happy

Dear Blissfully Happy: Congratulations on your fairly recent marriage and, yes, there are some things you should do. Specifically, you should contact Social Security to inform them of your marriage, see whether any additional benefits are available and to make any changes needed to your contact information. Here are some things to consider:

If a name change has occurred for one of you, that person should contact Social Security to report the change. A copy of your marriage certificate and other ID will be required, and a new Social Security card will

If a change of address has also occurred for one or both of you, that must be reported. It's important that Social Security has the correct mailing address, email and contact phone number for every beneficiary.

If there are any other changes to the contact Information on file with the Social Security Administration for either of you (e.g., your banking information), the affected person should inform Social Security of the changes needed.

Social Security will evaluate whether any benefit increase is available as a result of your marriage, which may be the case if one of you is entitled to a "spousal boost," an additional amount from the other now that you're married. A spousal boost may be available if one has a monthly Social Security payment which is more than twice the other's benefit. Social Security can answer that question for you when you call.

You can call either your local Social Security office (find the number by visiting www.ssa.gov/locator) or call the national number at 1-800-772-1213 and tell them you need to inform them of your marriage and update your contact information. If you have or if you create an online "my Social Security" account at www. ssa.gov/myaccount, you can initiate changes to your contact information online, but you will need to call Social Security directly via phone to record your marriage and see if any changes to monthly benefits are available. All of this can likely be done without requiring a visit to your local SS office.

It is very important that Social Security be made aware of your new marital status and to ensure that they have the correct contact information for both of you. Even if the contact information is unchanged for one of you, the other should contact Social Security as described above to update their contact information and to determine if any changes to monthly benefits are appropriate as a result of your marriage. Doing so now will avoid future issues and will make sure you are both getting the correct monthly Social Security payments as a married couple. And if one of you is entitled to a higher spousal amount, you should ask for the increase to be applied retroactively (SS will pay up to six months retroactively). I suggest you call Social Security as soon as possible to inform them of your marriage and make any necessary changes to your contact information.

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By Ellenor Downer

The ovenbird gets its name from the type of nest it builds, which looks like a Dutch oven.

They place the nest on the ground and it has a domed roof over the nest of grasses and rootlets. The entrance is a small slit.

The female lays three to six white eggs with brown and gray marks. They inhabit mature deciduous or mixed forests. They eat insects, worms and spiders. They walk on the ground and fallen branches and poke under leaves look-

An Oakham resident has ovenbirds in her yard. She hears them making a sharp "chip"

The ovenbird is six inches long and has an olive-brown back. Its breast and belly with white with heavy dark stripes. The ovenbird crown is orange bordered by two dark brown stripes.

Barred owl

An Oakham resident saw a barred owl in her yard on April 28. She said in an email, "I had a surprise visitor this evening, a beautiful barred owl sat on my deck railing for quite a while. He looked all around before flying up to a maple tree. He sat in the tree for several minutes before going into the woods at the edge of my yard. I finally saw what he was after. He was tracking a squirrel."

The owl and squirrel went tree to tree. Other birds

The same resident sent me an email on May 3 to say she got her first hummingbird on May 2. A friend in Barre told her that her neighbors already had hummingbirds so the Oakham resident put out feeders.

She was glad she already had her feeder up

when the first hummingbird appeared. She said, "For the first time in 31 years of living here, I got my first bluebirds. I bought mealworms and set up my first tray feeder ever. I cannot get over all the birds who have gone to the tray feeder who have been ground eaters, morning doves, juncos and even a robin.

Leucistic rose breasted grosbeak A Palmer resident sent a photo of a Leu-



Ovenbird

cistic rose breasted grosbeak at her feeder. The grosbeak, a male had a lot of white feathers, but it did have the rose colored splash on its breast. This phenomenon causes the partial loss of all types of pigmentation and causes white coloration, white patches, spots or splotches. **Baltimore orioles**

An Oakham couple had Baltimore orioles at their suet feeder this week. They were going to get some oranges to put out for the orioles as well. I put out an orange this week.

The next morning I found one half of the orange on the ground and another on a rock about ten feet from the holder where I put the orange halves. I think it was the work of a grey

squirrel or squirrels as I have lots of them. Wood stork

I received a note in the mail from a Palmer resident, who saw a wood stork. She wrote, "Two mornings in a row, I saw a wood stork fly and land in some bushes on the cove at Lake Thompson in Palmer. Imagine my surprise white bird with black wing tips – wood stock is from Florida." She said she opened her "Journal" to she who the bird person was and there was a picture of a heron and my address.

Other birds

The Oakham resident, who has the oven birds, saw two hooded mergansers on Long Pond a few weeks ago.

Originally, I planed to put out my hummingbird feeder the weekend of April 29 and 30, but it was so cold I decided to wait. Instead, I put the feeder out this past Saturday and I spotted hummingbirds on Sunday.

This Monday I saw a catbird. I also have not seen any dark-eyed juncos lately. I think they have all headed north to their nesting grounds.

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Credit for Life made finances fun for students

By Matty Anderson Staff Writer manderson@gmail.com

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional High School and Country Bank collaborated to host Credit for Life, a financial literacy exercise, welcoming students from Quaboag Regional and North Brookfield high schools as well.

"Credit for Life is a great opportunity for students to learn real life financial skills that will follow them into the future," said Jodie Gerulaitis, the Vice President of Community Relations at Country

On May 12, participating seniors were asked to make decisions on how to budget and spend their money, however much like real life there were fiscal traps

at every corner. Credit For Life's goal was for students to better grasp their future financial responsibilities and understand how impactful each decision can be on their lives.

To start the exercise, students chose an occupation which would be their foundation moving forward, they had the option of taking up a side hustle to create more revenue. Once students made their decisions, they visited the Reality Check Booth where they received a blessing or a curse.

A blessing would
A breakdown of the process of the Credit for Life be a life advantage based on luck such as coming from a rich family, and as you

may have guessed, receiving a curse meant the opposite.

Much like real life, people can make a comeback despite a rocky

start and a blessed person could easily squander their good fortune and end up in financial ruins.

The exercise was part luck and part good life choices, which made for a more realistic experience. Students were warned to think carefully and understand the difference between needs and wants.

Another great piece of advice was to "pay yourself first" by including a payment to their savings account every month to save for the unexpected or something fun.

Speaking of fun, the "Fun Fun Fun Booth" was set up to entice students into some frivolous spending such as a cruise or buying tickets to a basketball game.

This booth was run by Sam Pursey, Country Bank's Commercial Loan Relationship Officer and



Jodie Gerulaitis posing with Quabog Regional students, Elizabeth Czaja and Chase Potvin. (Turley Publications Staff Photos)



David Delano, Tom Wolcott, Blair Swistak-Robidoux and Matt Phaneuf answered many questions at the Insurance Booth

Rebecca Chaffee, Country Bank's Pursey said, "It's my first

time doing this event, I've enjoyed

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playing out these real-life experiences, Country Bank loves getting involved with events like this, it's been really fun.'

Chaffee said, "This is my second time volunteering. I love guiding students and helping them learn to make good decisions, but honestly, it's pretty fun to try and trick

them into purchasing something unnecessary too.'

Quaboag Regional students, Elizabeth Czaja and Chase Potvin enjoyed visiting the "Fun Fun Fun Booth," Czaja caved in and bought a puppy while Potvin splurged on Celtics tickets.

Potvin said, "This has been



Pursey and Rebecca Chaffee at the Fun Fun Fun Booth

really eye opening, especially the coupons at the Food and Nutrition Booth, good coupons can be really powerful!"

Tantasqua High's very own Claire Godek said, "it was really fun and helpful to learn how finances work especially in an engaging activity, I actually feel more prepared for the future." Julia Faugno, another Tantasqua High student said, "it was really interesting to get to know financing a little more, having a roommate made the experience a lot more fun and saved me a lot financially."

Dave Delano, a volunteer from Charlton, said, "I think this event is great, financial literacy is a skill that has been neglected by the education system for far too long, you may never do an algebraic equation after graduating but you'll definitely balance a checkbook and work on your credit score."

He added "Unless you have parents who are educated in these things, you may struggle in life and learn by making mistakes which is the wrong way to learn."

At the end of the afternoon, Gerulaitis announced the winners of the social media challenge, on platforms such as Instagram, Tik-Tok and Facebook.

"I usually only do one gift card for the Social Media Challenge, but you guys were so creative that I'm gonna be handing out three today,' she said.

Blair Swistak-Robidoux, from the Retail Banking office in Ware said, "This has been a really rewarding experience for the students and myself, as a parent I hope that my kids have the opportunity to do something like this one day.'

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consideration of the water.

Said Saunders, "The communities that steward this land, that owned this incredibly valuable resource receive absolutely nothing for the water that has fundamentally built Boston and the surrounding area.'

Although the resounding word of the meeting was equity, the actual proposal was quite modest. The bill would see that the municipal government be charged 5 cents in excise per 1,000 gallons of the water.

"This would create an estimated \$3.5 million for the communities, living in the Quabbin watershed area," said Saunders, who described how desperately in need they are of support. He elaborated on how such funding might be used for non-profits to provide transit services that do not currently exist.

The bill would also set term limits on the MWRA advisory board and provide representation for western Massachusetts in the decisions concerning the watershed.

"The average Boston household goes through 41 gallons of water a day," said Saunders. The actual impact to ratepayers would be equal to 6 cents per month.

State Sen. Anne Gobi added another dimension to the Quabbin story. She cautioned that although there were four towns totally erased to make the reservoir in order to "help quench Boston's thirst," she said that the creation of the Quabbin tends to overshadow other aspects of the region's history such as the

Tapping into her earlier life as a history teacher, Gobi relished in the details. She recounted how in 1926 the Ware River Act did not submerge or disincorporate towns, but rather several towns lost huge amounts of land to watershed protection.

"Rutland lost north and west Rutland," said Gobi. "And Oakham

lost its main business area which was in the vanquished village of Coldbrook Springs.

All of those towns had post offices, mills, hotels, and businesses. Farmers also lost their land and with lives totally disrupted had to move elsewhere.

In 1995 local people formed an advisory committee to talk about what mattered to them. They started to meet two years later. But some groups quit while others assumed ac-

tive roles. Gobi's proposed bill aims to remove groups that no longer exist and add three more active players such as a snowmobile association, a local equestrian group, and the New England Mountain Bike Association.

The most impassioned call for reparations in the form of fair compensation to the long-suffering communities came from state Sen. Joanne Comerford who encapsulated in an unbelievable three minutes the history of the Quabbin Reservoir.

She explained how in 1893 the Massachusetts Department of Health was concerned for the sustainability of its port and major city, and sought sources of water for Boston. First they considered Lake Winnipesaukee in New four towns required to create the Quabbin. Hampshire Sebago Lake in Maine and the Merrimack and Nashua rivers, but ultimately decided to take water from the Ware River and create a massive reservoir in what was then known as the Swift River Valley, largely un-

The rest is history and today eastern Massachusetts uses 200 million gallons a day from the Quabbin, and some three million people in the commonwealth drink this pristine water filtered through a watershed of over 100,000

Comerford explained that the MWRA is now looking to expand its water supply to a dozen communities north of Boston, 10 to the south, and 15 more in MetroWest.

The problem is that the people who do not have access to the water are often those who live closest to it. She cited the children. faculty and staff at the Swift River Elementary School in Salem who drink bottled water because their well is poisoned with polyflourinated substances while Quabbin's water flows

What Comerford and Saunders together are filing "is a modest, really modest pivot toward a necessary new day." That new day would consist of four key provisions.

The bill establishes a fee of 5 cents for every 1,000 gallons drawn from the Quabbin. The monies would be placed in a Quabbin community development trust fund that would generate an approximate \$3.5 million fee annually to be distributed to municipalities and nonprofits in the Quabbin watershed. Secondly, the bill rights a longstanding wrong concerning Payments in Lieu of Taxes known as PILOT payments.

Currently the Watershed PILOT Program reimburses municipalities for property tax revenue lost due to non-taxable state ownership of watershed lands

What it leaves out is the erasure of the

Their former land was annexed to sur rounding towns: Belchertown, Hardwick, New Salem, Petersham, Pelham and Ware, These municipalities receive the PILOT payments for state-owned annexed lands within their

However, for the Quabbin Reservoir land itself that was flooded and is now underwater, there is no payment. The new bill would remove this exception and require payments for land also underneath the waters of the Quab-

Third the bill requires representation of Quabbin-area residents on the MWRA, such that three of the 13 board members would consider western Massachusetts home. The bill would also require the MWRA to explore all expansion options.

Opportunities to serve communities that steward the water need to be fully explored. It calls for similar evaluations of expansion into communities in Westfield River, Chicopee River, Connecticut River, and Millers River valley basins.

State Rep. Mindy Domb offered a climate-awareness perspective when she testified in support of the Quabbin bills. "I know from my work on this committee, that the [water] need is probably going to increase – drought, rivers drying up, towns needing water. The towns may say, 'Oh let's just go to the MWRA; western Massachusetts can't do that."

Business students can apply for scholarships

REGION — The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is accepting applications for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Women in STEM Scholarship.

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Eligible applicants for both scholarships should be in at least their second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a master's program at the time the application is sub-

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Business

Silver Therapeutics opens town's first cannabis dispensary

By Michael Harrison Correspondent

PALMER — Now, for the first time, local residents who are at least 21 years old can legally purchase cannabis without leaving town,

Silver Therapeutics, at 1235 Thorndike Street, is Palmer's first recreational dispensary and is open for business seven days a week as of 10 a.m. on Friday, May 19. A ribbon-cutting for the long-anticipated business was held last week as Silver Therapeutics officers and staff were officially welcomed by Town Manager Ryan McNutt and others.

Like many other business ventures, there were fits and starts to get plans to transform the long-closed Al's Bike Shop, practically engulfed by weeds not long ago, off the ground. This project was particularly fraught for a variety of reasons, according to the principal owner of the dispensary.

"This was a project we've been working on for a number of years," CEO Josh Silver said.

"We're actually the second group that came in and tried to take a swing at it. We picked it up, we built the (building) from the ground up and we had just every single headwind you could imagine – from COVID-19 to supply shortages on the construction side. It took us a while, but we're just really excited to be the first to open in Palmer. It's a really special facility we built here."

The pandemic was perhaps the biggest obstacle, Silver said.

"COVID was a year (setback)," he said.

"Not just the physical limitations to be able to move around and take meetings, but also the financial markets tightened up, given the uncertainty where everything was. So that was fully a year and then there were six months of construction delays. You name it, it happened to us. It's all about perseverance."

With the exception of the pandemic, however, there wasn't much in the process Silver and his team hadn't been through before.

"We've done this in several communities," he said.
"This is now the seventh dispensary we've opened and the town of Palmer was really a pleasure to work with. They didn't get hung up on a lot of questions. The questions they had were pragmatic things about running a dispensary – will there be enough parking, is the circulation going to be OK, what's the drainage situation going to be like? Just standard development issues. In that regard they treated us like any other commercial developer, which is really what you want when you're coming into a new community."

Creating the physical space was "a family affair" Silver said, explaining that his wife, Chelsea Silver, handled the interior design and his brother-in-law, a carpenter, "built all of our cabinetry" as he did for the group's six prior shops.

Members of the small crowd invited to the ribbon cutting were enthused about the project finally coming to fruition

"Any progress for Palmer is positive," said Jan McCoy, who represented the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

""It adds to the tax base, it adds to our availability of employment opportunities. I'm eager to see the popularity of it. I wish them all the best and I'm glad they chose Palmer as one of their destinations. It's



Town Manager Ryan McNutt helps Silver Therapeutics Chief Cultivation officer Josh Ferranto with the ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new dispensary – Palmer's first. Also participating are Jan McCoy, representing the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce (far left), Silver Therapeutics CEO Josh Silver (second from left) and Silver therapeutics General Manager Anthony Ramos (far right).



In addition to flower and vapes, edibles and other cannabis products are available at Silver Therapeutics



Turley Publications photos by Michael Harrison Silver Therapeutics also sells cannabis and CBD-related books for those who want to learn more.

an excellent location right next to the turnpike and I couldn't be happier for them."

McCoy also made the point that it's another opportunity for residents to shop local. Previously, the nearest dispensaries were in Ware, Belchertown and Springfield. And, it won't be long before Silver Therapeutics has local competition. Kali Cannabis broke ground in March for a dispensary expected to open this summer at the intersection of Shearer and Thorndike streets and a third one is planning to open in a storefront in a diverse strip mall on Park Street.

At Silver Therapeutics, customers will find a full array of products – flower, vapes, edibles and more – from its long list of partners, including Green Thumb Industries, Fernway, MassGro and Insa. General Manager Anthony Ramos said he plans to arrange pop-up events from some of those brands. No dates have been set, but Ramos said news, special offers and events will be posted on the dispensary's Facebook page.



Brother and sister, co-owners of Seasons Pool and Patio, Daniel Lemelin and Cheryl Lemelin were on hand to greet customers at their grand opening on May 6th.

Grand Opening

On May 6, Seasons Pool & Patio had their grand opening. They welcomed more than 100 people who stopped in to see the new store and what they have to offer for pools and spas. Seasons Pool & Patio is located at 3339 Boston Rd., Wilbraham.



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In the spa showroom many customers looked at the new spas available, some with state of the art technology that help with stress relief, sleep, injury recovery and hydration of your skin.

Exciting programs at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE- Old Sturbridge Village is full of exciting programs and activities in May. Come see the new re-curated exhibit, For the Purpose of Illumination, opening in the Countryside Gallery on May 19. Learn how New Englanders needed, used, and created artificial lighting methods in the 1830s and see first-hand artifacts from the era. The Early Lighting exhibit is a newly curated collection.

Inside the Seasons Pool and

assortment of pool and spa

toys and floats.

chemicals as well as fun pool

Patio store you can find a wide

This summer's Blue Star Museum season begins on Saturday, May 20, Armed Forces Day, and runs through to Labor Day. To gain free admission, military family members will show their military or dependent identification card.

card.

The weekend of May 20-21 will see the long-awaited opening of the newest restaurant, the Ox & Yoke Café. Come try the new offerings available from salads, soups, and sandwiches to cookies, baked goods, and pies. Diners do not need to pay admission to enjoy



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Lorene Noble posed in front of the waterfall at Five



Abigail Shea hangs up planters as they arrive.

Local business offers quality, beauty to community

By Kimberly Palmucci Correspondent

PALMER - For more than 25 years, the Five Star Gardens landscape design and construction company has been serving the commu-

"We enjoy working with the landscape and gardening communities to help them create quality, beauty, and tranquility in their own 'Five Star Gardens' and plan on continuing to do it for years to come," said John Rakouskas, one of the company's owners.

Five Star Gardens, whose full-service garden center is located at 181 Ware Street in Palmer, that return every season, such as specializes in the design and installation of landscape plantings and hardscapes, such as patios, walk-

ways, and granite steps. "We have trained horticulturalists on staff to assist our customers with all their gardening endeavors," Rakouskas said. "Our goal as we look down the road is that we will have the opportunity to transition Five Star Gardens to the next generation of gardeners so that our local

communities will continue to enjoy excellent gardening and landscape products and services."

It all began in 1989 when Five Star Landscapes Inc. formed in Wilbraham, according to Rakouskas.

"We purchased the Palmer location in 1994 and ran the landscape business there, eventually opening our garden center, Five Star Gardens, in 1996," he said.

Rakouskas Leonard Peltier, an owner of Five Star Gardens, worked together during their college years at Tarnow Nursery in Chicop-

"We both had a desire to start a business but we had young families at the time," Rakouskas said. "We decided that our chances for success would be greatly increased by teaming up."

With their spouses—Therese Rakouskas

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and Lucy Peltier—they formed Five renovation projects where there is Star Landscapes Inc. in February of

"All our children at one time or another have worked at our garden center teaching them about the business," Rakouskas said. "Lorene, Lenny's sister, has been the roots of our garden center for the past 20 plus years since she joined our team. Our customers look forward to seeing her at the start of every season and know that they can always count on her and our garden center staff, whom she trains, to give our customers superior service.'

Rakouskas said the organization has many dedicated employees Will St. Marie who has been with the business for over twenty years.

"We appreciate all of their hard work over the years," Rakouskas added.

The business frequently works on residential landscapes in the communities of Palmer, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Monson, Ware,

"The type of job that we are well-equipped for are landscape

an established landscape that needs to be removed and replaced with new plantings," Rakouskas said.

We also have assisted clients with new home landscape projects and work with them from the ground up to create their Five Star Landscapes," he said. "If our customers would like to install their own landscapes, the garden center offers advice on plant selections and proper plantings and placement."

Rakouskas said that Palmer has always been a "loyal and supportive community."

We have a close relationship with our neighbors who greet us with a wave as they see our line of landscape vehicles heading out in the morning to our next landscape project," he said. "We feel truly blessed to have been a part of our local communities over these many years and appreciate the love and support they have shown and continue to show us season after sea-

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Monson Savings Bank announced election of new Corporators

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank recently announced the election of six new Corporators at its recent Annual Meeting.

They are: Patricia Bernard, Tricia Canavan, Randy Demarest, Jonathan Little, John Perez and Abby Sullivan had been elected by existing Corporators.

Additionally, Corporator Julie Quink, was named as a Trustee.

"The Monson Savings Bank family welcomes our new Corporators with open arms," Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty said.

"These well-regarded, local professionals will undoubtedly add value to the Bank. Like our current Corporators, their values align with Monson Savings' values. They are invested in the wellbeing of our local communities because, like us, they are a part of these communities. We are assured that they will offer guidance to us as Corporators of the Bank, and they will support the Bank in better serving our communities."

Bernard resides in Springfield and is deeply involved with the Springfield community. Bernard is the Vice President of Finance and Operations at Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services. She is the Board Treasurer at the African American Female Professor Association, a Volunteer Tax Preparer for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and a Former Board Member of the Springfield Sickle Cell Association.

In her spare time, Bernard enjoys singing with a Gospel ensem-

Canavan is a resident of South Hadley and is the CEO of the Tech Foundry, which is located in Springfield. Canavan's ties to the community include being the Board Chair of the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council and a Board Member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Additionally, Canavan is involved with the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Springfield Public Forum, and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Demarest is a resident of East Longmeadow and is a sales eExecutive at Conklin Office Furni-



Shown here (from left) are: Monson Savings Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Michael Rouette; Monson Savings Bank's newly elected Corporators: John Perez, Patricia Bernard, Jonathan Little, Randy Demarest, Abby Sullivan and Tricia Canavan; along with Monson Savings Bank President and CEO, Dan Moriarty.

ture located in Holyoke. Demarest enjoys being involved in the local communities. Some of his community affiliations include the Office Furniture Recyclers, the East of the River Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Holyoke Chamber, and the Pioneer Valley Business Executives. In the past, Demarest coached youth basketball, soccer, softball, and swim teams.

Little resides in Florence and is a real estate bBroker at Jennings Real Estate Service Inc. He previously was employed by the Bronson Companies, where he served as Director of Development. Little is a Licensed Massachusetts Auctioneer and enjoys spending time in the community in his role as Northampton Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Perez is a resident of Springfield and is principal of Consilium Opis, LLC. Perez has a long-standing history of community involvement. He has had past and current involvement with the Rotary Club of Springfield, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, the Raising of the Dominican Flag Annual Event at Springfield City Hall, and the Dominican Cultural and Sports Cen-

Sullivan resides in Hampden and is the Vice President of Operations at Affordable Waste Solutions

Inc. She was an integral member in the creation of Affordable Waste Solutions, which was incorporated in 2012. When she is not in her office, Sullivan enjoys spending time in the local communities.

Quink is a resident of Hardwick, MA. She currently is the Managing Principal at Burkhart, Pizzanelli PC. Quink has an extensive history of serving the local

She serves as a member of the Board of the Mass CPAs, Treasurer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board and Finance Committee Member of Baystate Wing Hospital, Assistant Treasurer of Directors of Square One, Board Chair of the School Committee of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, a member of the Finance Committee of the East Quabbin Land Trust, Board Chair for Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., Treasurer of Hardwick Rescue & Emergency Squad, Inc., Treasurer of Estate Planning Council of Hampden County, and Board Member of I Found Light Against

Additionally, she is an adjunct faculty in the MBA Accounting program at Elms College.

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Pathfinder seniors enjoy star-studded





Students Tyshawn Aponte and Sky Frazier are shown under an archway in matching formal attire.

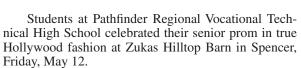
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Hunter Skowyra and Catalina Mudgett wear matching



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BASEBALL

Panthers suffer sweep from Ware

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

WARE—Whenever the varsity teams from Palmer and Ware High Schools face each other between September and June, it's always a very intense battle. The rivalry does take a little bit of a break during the summertime.

A couple of the players on the Palmer and Ware varsity baseball teams will be teammates on the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team this summer. The Post 241 squad will be playing their home games at Legion Field in Palmer year's team," said Palmer senior catcher Dom Allen. "Ware is one of our biggest rivals during the school year, but we're teammates during the legion season. You quickly form bonds with the players from the other high schools. It's going to be a lot

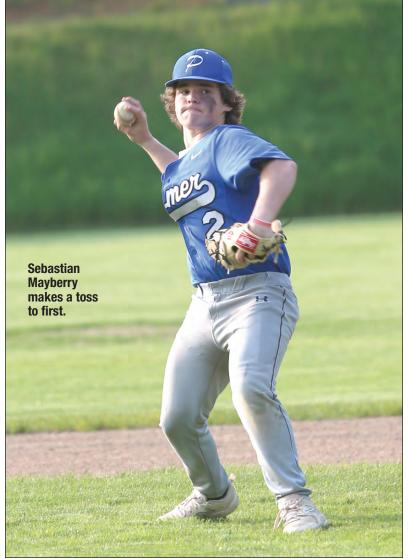
The Monson Legion team, which is managed by Steve Tripp, will also have players from Pathfinder Tech and Monson High

"The Legion baseball coaches have always treated my players great," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "The



after not fielding a team a year ago. team last year and I'm very excit-

Palmer and Ware players will be-"We didn't have a legion come good friends during the legion season, which is a great thing. ed about being a member of this I'm very glad that the legion team is



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back this year."

Allen will be one of the oldest players on the legion baseball team, along with his classmate, Ty Miller, who's a member of the Panthers pitching staff. Palmer freshman Brendan Hess will also be a pitcher

on the legion team.

One of the Ware players who'll be playing for the legion team is junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis.

"I already know Dylan and I

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SOFTBALL

Hull deals shutout for Mustangs



Natalie Hull fields a grounder to short.



Left-hander Chelsea Hull delivers a pitch.

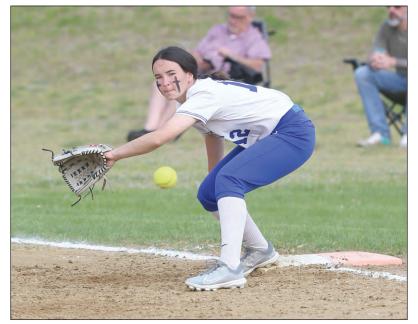


Ailis Kealy makes an off-balance catch in right.



Carlee Meacham makes a clean pick-up of a ground.

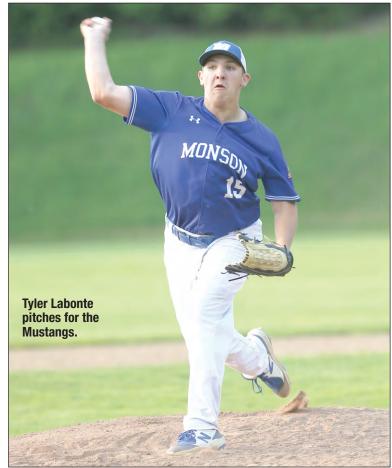
GRANBY – Last Monday afternoon, Chelsea Hull was able to pitch a five-inning shutout as Monson softball defeated host Granby 11-0. Hull struck out 13 and walked four, allowing just two hits. Molly Szado, Ella



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Molly Szado looks to seize the short hop to first.

Corthell, and Veronica Ouimet had three hits each. Monson entered the final week of the season 14-2.

BASEBALL

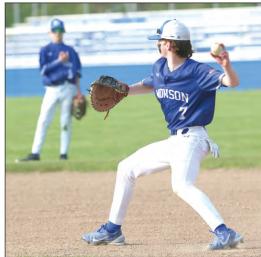


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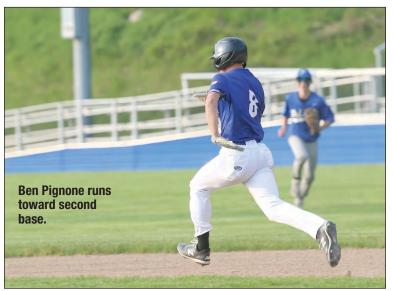
Monson falls to host Palmer

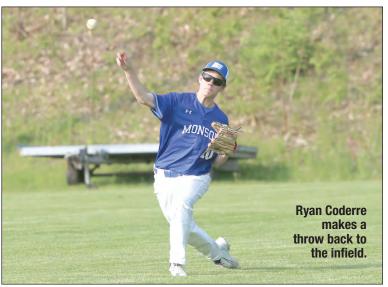
PALMER Wednesday, Last Monson baseball suffered a 7-3 loss against Palmer. Monson managed just five hits and RBI's from Ben Pignone and Austin Meacham. Tyler Labonte went the distance for Monson, allowing seven runs on four hits, walking four and striking out four. Monson fell to 0-13 on the

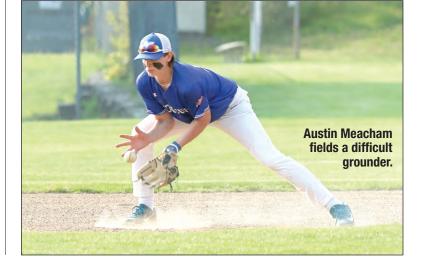
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Colin Beaupre fires to second for a play.







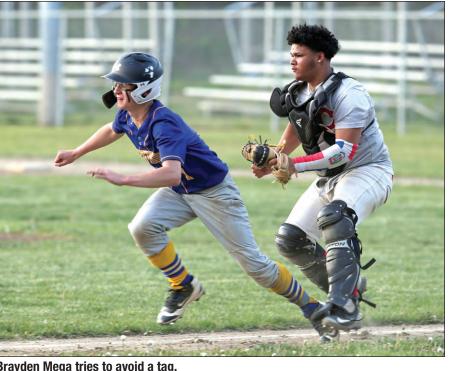
Pioneers likely to make tournament



PALMER – With an 11-3 record entering the week, Pathfinder baseball is looking making tournament in Division 5 this season. The Pioneers are currently ranked No. 23 and have a few games this week to close out the regular season. The Pioneers could also qualify for the Western Mass. tournament as well, which gets underway next week.



Tage Valliere throws to first for an out.



Brayden Mega tries to avoid a tag.



Edward Szosyek makes the catch in left.



Jesse Cygan pitches for the Pioneers.

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Hull got the start against Granby and had 13 strikeouts and got a shutout win 11-0 last Monday afternoon.

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Agawam's Hope Santaniello controls the ball.



Jenna Kalwa sends a pass forward.



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, goes after the bounc-

Laci Lewis breaks away from a defender.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Avery Klingensmith of Belchertown gets set to pass.

Mutiny offense shines in opener

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW-The United Wom-

en's Soccer National semifinal and final matches were held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow last July. This year's U.W.S. championship weekend is scheduled to take place 3,000 miles west in Los Angeles, California.

The New England Mutiny players didn't get to compete for the championship trophy on their home turf last summer. They're hoping to make the sixhour plane ride to the west coast in July.

The Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching Worcester Fuel FC, 7-1, in the season opening match before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"All of the players worked very hard, and we got the result that we wanted," said Hope Santaniello, who graduated from Agawam High School in 2021. "Our hope for the future is to win the championship title this year. We really want to bring home the trophy for Joe (Ferrara).'

Ferrara, who's the Mutiny General Manager, has put together a roster full of talented soccer players. Santaniello is one of 13 players from Western Massachusetts.

Other players from the region include Julia Robak (Chicopee), Brianna Romaniak (Belchertown), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Alexis Legowski (South Had-

ley), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), back of the net. Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), and Sophia Syocurka (Ludlow).

Foley and Syocurka will be juniors on the Ludlow girls varsity soccer team in the fall. The duo normally play for the academy team, but they were called up to the U.W.S. team for the season opener.

Laura Gouvin of Monson is also listed on the Mutiny roster. She did not play against Worcester.

Before the start of the regular season, Ferrara named Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra as the Mutiny head coach.

"Everyone is a little bit nervous before the first game of regular season, but we got off to a great start tonight," said Coimbra, who's a former member of the Western Mass. Pioneers. "I've coached at the youth level, but it's very special to win my first game at this level. I think it's going to be a very exciting season."

Coimbra took over the coaching duties from Brian Linnehan, who was hired as an assistant women's soccer coach at Bryant University.

Coimbra is aided by assistant coaches Jill Kochanek, Ciro Viviano, and Federico Molinari, who's also the head coach of the Western Mass. Pioneers.

Santaniello, who's a forward, scored a pair of goals during the first half, which gave her team a 2-0 halftime lead.

During the 24th minute, Santaniello lined a shot over the head of Worcester Fuel goalie Lilliana Mantoni into the

About 15 minutes later, Cat Berry sent a forward pass into the box and Santaniello finished off the play by shooting the ball into the left corner.

"I'm very happy for Hope," Coimbra said. "I think she's a great soccer player, and she has a very bright future. She shoots the ball mainly with her right foot, but she scored one of her goals in tonight's match with her left foot."

After playing soccer for two seasons at the University of Rhode Island, Santaniello has decided to enter the NCAA transfer portal. The portal allows Division 1 athletes the opportunity to transfer to another school without having to sit

"I decided to leave U.R.I. for personal reasons," Santaniello said. "I just want to keep growing as a soccer player. In order for me to do that, I felt like the best thing was transfer to another school. I just want to find the right school, which will help me get to the next level."

Berry, who's from Hingham, will be a senior on the University of South Carolina women's soccer team in September. She'll be heading back to Columbia, South Carolina in the middle of June to train with her college soccer team.

'Cat is a great soccer player and she's going to have a successful career in the future," Coimbra said. "We're very lucky to have her on our team. We enjoyed watching her play in tonight's match."

Ferrara is hoping that Berry will be able to return to Ludlow if the Mutiny do make the playoffs.

"The atmosphere at the stadium is always great," Berry said. "I just love playing soccer with this group of girls. It was a great way to start our season."

Berry, who's the fifth all-time leading goal scorer at the University of South Carolina with 24 career goals, took over the spotlight at the second half. She finished last Saturday's match with a total of four goals. A couple of her goals came on amazing shots that not very many goalies would be able to stop.

"We definitely could've scored a few more goals in the first half," Berry added. "We just wanted to come out at the start of the second half and put the game away. I took advantage of my opportunities. Hearing the roar of the crowd here at Lusitano is very special."

Berry, who has two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina, will most likely be drafted by a N.W.S.L. team after she graduates.

"Playing at that level is something that I've dreamed about my whole life," Berry said. "It would be awesome to play for a professional soccer team in the future.

Chandler Pedolzky also scored a second half goal for the Mutiny. Jenna Kalwa, who's the women's soccer coach at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut, was credited with

Down at the other end of the field, Kopec, who was the Mutiny starting goalie, only had to make three saves. She was replaced in goal by Robak with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

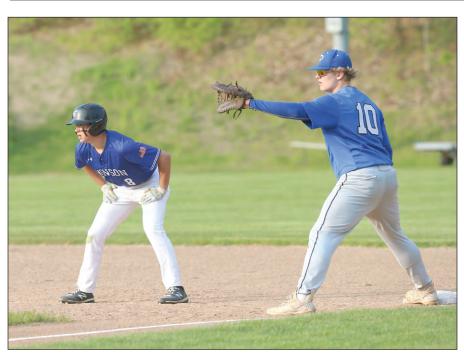
The members of the Mutiny defensive unit are Sofia Weber, Laci Lewis, Megan Cunningham, and Kins-

"This is just an awesome environment to play a soccer match," said Cunningham, who's the Mutiny captain. "We also have a lot of returning players this year, which is a great thing."

The Mutiny will be playing a couple of road matches before returning home to face the Albany Rush on June 10. Their other two home matches during the regular season will be against Sporting CT (June 24) and CT Rush (July 8).

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Gavin Smolg holds a runner at first base.



Matt Santos makes a throw from third.

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for him," Allen said. "It's going to be awesome having two catchers on the legion baseball team. I won't have to catch every game. I can be the DH when Dylan

Ware righthander legion baseball team.

consecutive

Mumper, who

season against Palmer. He struck out 15 batters and issued only two walks. He also struck out 15 batters in his first start of the rivalry series, which was a 4-2 win at Legion

"It's always nice to beat Palmer twice in a season," Slattery said. "I think we're now beaten them six times in a row."

Allen will finish his outstanding varsity career without celebrating a victory against Ware on either the baseball diamond or the gridiron.

"It's very frustrating losing to Ware for the second time during the baseball season," Allen said. "Most of the players on our varsity baseball team are either freshmen or eighth graders. They just need some time to develop. When they're juniors and seniors, they're going to be a force to be reckoned with."

Two other legion baseball players from Ware High School will be Nathan and Kyle Kaczuwka.

Nathan Kaczuwka, who's a sophomore, is a member of the Indians pitching staff. He also plays third base. Kyle Kaczuwka, who's a freshman, is the Indians starting first baseman. He had three RBIs and scored two runs in last Monday's game against Palmer. He also walked three times.

Sophomore right fielder Jason Mumper, who is John's younger brother, also contributed offensively with two base hits and three RBIs.

Hess, who's a righty, made his first start at the varsity level against Ware. He pitched four innings and didn't receive very much support from his defense. The Panthers committed a total of eight errors in the game.

"We're a very young baseball team and we always seem to shoot ourselves in the foot," said first-year Palmer head



have a lot of respect is catching."

junior John Mumper, who was the winning pitcher in both games against Palmer this spring, is also planning to play for the

Indians swept the season series for the second with a 13-5 win over the Panthers at Memorial Field, last Monday night, May

went the distance, allowed five runs (3 earned) on six base hits in his second start of the regular

coach Jack Graveline. "We can't afford to give a good baseball team four or five outs in an inning."

Ty Miller delivers a pitch for the Panthers

Ware took full advantage of the mistakes to build a 6-0 lead during the first two innings.

Palmer battled back in the third in-

Miller, who started at shortstop, blasted a two-run double to deep left field. He scored on Allen's RBI single, which sliced the Panthers deficit to 6-3.

"We made a comeback in the third inning, which was huge for us," Graveline said. "Ty drove in two runs with a double and Dom followed with an RBI single."

It didn't remain a close game for very long.

The home team scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the third. Their first run of the frame scored on a double by Nathan Kaczuwka. Then a bases loaded walk by Kyle Kaczuwka brought home the other run.

Ware took a 9-3 lead with an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth against freshman relief pitcher Sebastian Mayberry. The Panthers (3-12) did take advan-

tage of a couple of Indians errors to score two unearned runs in the top of the fifth

Once again, the home team responded with three runs in the bottom half of the inning before adding another run in their final at-bats.

The Indians (10-4) clinched a berth in the Division 5 state tournament following a 3-0 home win against South Hadley, last Wednesday night. Nathan Kaczuwka, who defeated the Tigers for the second time this spring, tossed a four hitter in six innings. Freshman righty Brady Guimond earned the save.

Offense shines for Warriors

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE-- The Tantasqua boys varsity lacrosse team entered last Thursday's senior night home match having scored 10 or more goals in their first 11 victories.

The Warriors kept that streak alive following an exciting 12-8 non-league win over Wachusett Regional of Holden.

"This is a very big win for us, especially for our six seniors," said Tantasqua junior Liam Hubacz. "We've been playing very well all season long. Our only two losses were to Grafton."

Tantasqua, who are a Division 2 team, squeaked out a 12-10 victory at Wachusett a year ago.

"We've played a couple of competitive games against Wachusett during the past two years," said Tantasqua head coach James Putney. "They played very hard against us in tonight's game. I was very impressed with them. This win will also help us in the power rankings. We just need to keep winning and keep improving."

The Warriors entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 12-2 overall record. They were also ranked 18th in the latest MIAA Division 2 state power rankings. The top 32 ranked teams in each division automatically qualify for the state tournament. The Warriors also should be one of the eight teams competing in the Central Mass. Athletic Director's tournament, which begins

"We finished last season with a 14-6 record, but we didn't qualify for the Central Mass. tournament," Hubacz said. "Playing in the Central Mass. tournament for the first time was one of our goals this year."

The six Tantasqua seniors, who were honored in a ceremony held prior to the start of the match, are Luke Boisvert, Griffin Smith, Gabe Laprade, Jack Ricci, Braylon Casinghino, and Paddy Mc-

"Luke, Griffin, and Gabe are returning starting defensemen. Jack also has a lot of experience as our faceoff guy. Those four guys have a lot of experience playing for the varsity team," Putney said. "Braylon and Paddy are both firstyear lacrosse players. All of the seniors are very good team leaders."

Ricci is the only member of the senior class who's planning to play lacrosse at the collegiate level. He'll be a member of the Keene State College men's lacrosse team next spring.

"Jack is the first lacrosse player that I've coached who'll be playing college lacrosse," Putney added. "Keene State has a strong lacrosse program. I'm very happy that Jack will be going to a place where he'll have a lot of success. It's a good fit for him."

Casinghino, who's a defenseman, is an outstanding soccer player. He'll be joining the men's soccer team at Western New England University in the fall.

Braylon is a very good athlete," Putney added. "It's not very easy to pick up the stick for the first time as a senior, but he and Paddy have made contributions for

us this year." It was also a special evening for Hubacz, who scored a pair of goals and had four assists against the Mountaineers (4-10), who are a Division 1 team.

"I really didn't want to take anything away from the six seniors, but tonight's game was almost like a senior night for me as well," Hubacz said. "I'm going to be attending Tabor Academy in the fall where I'll be playing football and lacrosse. I've been playing sports with these guys since the second grade and I'm really going to miss them a lot. We're like one big family and playing sports with my teammates is something that I'm going to remember for the rest of my life. This was a very special night."

Following the senior night ceremony, the Warriors put a lot of pressure on Wachusett senior goalie Casey Dmochowski (19

The home team, who never trailed in the match, took a 1-0 lead following an unassisted goal from junior Aidan Way two minutes into the opening period. A couple of minutes later,

Hubacz scored his first goal of the match, which was also unassisted. He added a man-up goal,

which was assisted by Way, with 1:32 remaining in the opening pe-

It gave the Warriors a slim 3-2 lead entering the second period.

The home team held a 7-3 halftime lead with the help of three unanswered goals by Ricci, junior Landon Rice, and junior Patrick Dunn, who was credited with the assist on Rice's goal.

Less than three minutes into the second half, Tantasqua junior Avery Michilak added his name to the scoring column by scoring a goal, which gave his team an 8-3 advantage. It was also the Warriors largest lead of the match.

The Mountaineers outscored the Warriors during the final nine minutes of the third period.

The Warriors, who entered the final twelve minutes holding a slim 9-6 advantage, reached double digits for the 12th time this season following a goal by freshman Zach Godek. That goal was assisted by Hubacz.

Wachusett responded with goals by freshman Dan Greaney and junior Matt Dickenson, which sliced the deficit to 10-8 with 7:55 remaining in regulation.

Tantasqua managed to hold onto the two goal lead for the next four minutes.

A pair of goals by Dunn and Michilak during the final three minutes of the match sealed the deal for the Warriors.

Tantasqua junior goalie Samuel Panek made eight saves in the senior night victory.

Pioneers prevail in preseason match

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—With only a handful of returning players, it'll probably take a couple of matches for the Western Mass. Pioneers players to jell.

The Pioneers kicked off the 2023 campaign with a 5-1 victory in a friendly match against KO Elites FC before a large gathering at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

"We had a lot of turnover from last year's team, so we're in the rebuilding process this year," said Federico Molinari, who's beginning his 12th season as the Pioneers head coach. "We do have some youngers players and a couple of returning players. It's probably going to take us some time to

jell." A year ago, the Pioneers finished in second place in the Northeast Division table with an 11-3 regular season record. They lost to the Seacoast United Phantoms, 1-0, in extra time at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It marked the second year in a row that the Pioneers (11-3) faced Seacoast United, who finished at the top of the Northeast Division table, in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play their first regular season match at the Boston Bolts on Tuesday night before hosting the Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

The first meeting of the reg-

ular season with league rival Seacoast United will take place away from the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on May 25. The second meeting between the two squads is slated to take place in Ludlow on June 23.

The Pioneers other home matches this season will be against Black Rock FC (June 3), Boston Bolts (June 7), Albany Rush (June 30), Vermont Green FC (July 7), and AC Connecticut (July 15). All of their home matches are scheduled to start at 7pm.

One of the returning players is Khalid Rose, who has been a member of the Pioneers squad since 2018.

"I have the most service time on this year's team," said Rose before signing some autographs following the match. "I always come ney, Jared Smith, Ignacio Albo, ball team, played for the Pioneers back here every year for the fans. Lucio Berron, Tomas Duben, for the first time in last Friday's I just love playing this beautiful

Rose, who played college soccer at Central Connecticut State University, assisted on the Pioneers first two goals in last Friday's friendly match. Newcomer Alec Hughes scored both goals during the first ten minutes of the first half. Hughes came out of the match with a minor injury during the 25th minute.

"Alec is a new player this year," Molinari said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to play in our first game on Tuesday night."

Hughes, who's a forward from Glastonbury Conn, is also a member of the UMass men's soccer team. He finished his junior

goals, including a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at George Washington. He also had two assists and led the A-10 conference with a total of 22

Following the 2022 college season, Hughes was selected to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Second-Team squad. Hughes is one of the players

looking to replace Braudilio Rodrigues, who led the Pioneers with ten goals last summer. Rodrigues recently signed with the Tacoma Defiance, which compete in the MLS Next Pro league. The Defiance is the reserve team for the Seattle Sounders FC.

The other returning players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster are Chanev Nash-Gib-Nicholas Oberrauch, and Connor Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School six years ago.

Hicks, who graduated from AIC, didn't play in the friendly match because of an injury.

Oberrauch is the Pioneers captain and he assisted on the third goal, which was scored by Duben during the 21st minute.

"It's an honor for me to be the team captain again this year," Oberrauch said. "I really enjoy being the team leader."

Thomas Quiterio, who's wrapping up his junior year, and Thomas Wadas, who's finishing his sophomore year at Ludlow High School, saw some playing time during the second half.

season last fall with a total of 10 They'll be practicing with the Pioneers and be playing games for the USL Academy team.

"The academy team prepares the players to play for the USL team," Molinari said. "A couple of them had an opportunity to play in tonight's game, but they just need to continue working hard."

Wadas had the chance to play in a couple of regular season matches for the Pioneers a year

"I normally play for the USL Academy team and it's a big jump playing for the men's team. The game is much quicker at this level," Wadas said. "It's also a lot of fun playing with one of my high school teammates."

Quiterio, who's also a member of the Ludlow boys' vollevmatch.

"I was a little bit nervous at first, but I did feel comfortable after a few minutes," Ouiterio said. "I grew up watching the Pioneers play and it's a dream come true to have an opportunity to play for them. It just feels amazing.

The Pioneers scored two more goals during the second half. including a penalty kick by Simba Pelltier.

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and John Voight.

The Pioneers faithful supporters are hoping to have a lot more enjoyable evenings at Lusitano Stadium during the next couple of months.

Blewett scores the wins in modified event

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway hosted the 51st Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler on Saturday, May 13 with feature events for the SK Modified, Late Model, and SK Light divisions along with two 15-lap last chance qualifiers for drivers to earn starting positions in the NAPA Spring Sizzler 100-lap main event. Jimmy Blewett scored the checkered flag in the 40-lap SK Modified feature his second career win at Stafford and first since the 2005 NAPA Fal Final. Tom Fearn was the winner of the 30lap Late Model feature and the SK Light feature saw a photo finish with Brian Sullivan making a last lap pass on Tyler Chapman and winning the race by inches or .005 seconds. Matt Swanson won the 15-lap Last Chance Qualifier for the NAPA Spring Sizzler.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Jimmy Blewett led the field to the green and he began to set the early pace with Michael Christopher, Jr. going around Cory DiMatteo to take second behind Blewett. Chris Jones was fourth in line in the early going with Keith Rocco quickly moving from seventh at the start up to fifth. Christopher made a move to the inside of Blewett on lap-6 but wasn't able to make the pass. Christopher then came under attack from Di-Matteo on lap-7 but he was able to hold off that challenge.

With 10 laps complete, the order was Blewett in the lead followed by Christopher, DiMatteo, Stephen Kopcik, and Rocco. An-



Jimmy Blewett wins the SK Modified event at Stafford Speedway last weekend.

thony Bello was sixth followed by Jon Puleo, Noah Korner, Mikey Flynn, and Todd Owen. Bello was black flagged on lap-15 and he had to report to pit road for dumping fluid. David Arute was shown the black flag on lap-20 for fluid also while Blewett and Christopher were still the tow lead cars with DiMatteo, Rocco, and Kopcik giving chase. Marcello Rufrano was the car on the move in the first half of the race, taking 11th on lap-22 after starting shotgun on the field in 28th. The caution flew with 24 laps complete for a spin by Rich Gautreau that collected Rufrano, who pulled off the track and behind the wall, ending his great run.

Blewett took the lead back under green

with Christohper in second. Kopcik and Di-Matteo were wheel to wheel for third place with Rocco and Korner right behind them. Kopcik took third on lap-26 with Rocco taking fourth and Korner fifth as DiMatteo slid back to sixth. Christopher's car dropped off the pace on lap-29 and he pulled on to pit road just as the caution flew for spins in turn 4 by Dylan Kopec and Tom Bolles.

Blewett took the lead back under green with Rocco moving up to second, but before a lap could be completed the caution came out for Rich Gautreau, who hit the wall in turn 4.

Blewett took the elad back under green with Rocco in second. DiMatteo and Kopcik ran wheel to wheel for a lap before DiMatteo got clear into third place. Korner took fourth with Kopcik sliding back to fifth while up front, Rocco was applying heavy pressure to Blewett for the lead.

Korner's car dropped off the pace on lap-37 and he limped back to pit road after running in fourth place. This promoted Kopcik to fourth and Mikey Flynn to fifth as Blewett was still in command over Rocco and DiMatteo. Blewett slowly stretched out his advantage over Rocco in the closing laps and he picked up his second career SK Modified win at Stafford, his first since the 2005 NAPA Fall Final. Rocco came home second with DiMatteo, Kopcik, and Flynn rounding out the top-5.

Umbrella of wellness keeps residents dry from drug abuse's reign of terror



(Turley Publications, Photos by Matty Anderson) Alene Motta and Linda Alleman, working the front desk.



Olivia Murray and Lorelei Knorr run a booth for Rick's Place, a grief support group for children and families.

Tony of Tony's Happy Valley Pizza and Max Bassette, serving up slices



Mary Howell, manager of Anytime Fitness, encouraging guests to join her in some stress relief games and physical activities.

By Matty Anderson

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nut Hill Community School host-

ed the second annual Umbrella of

more than doubled in size. It fea-

tured booths and tables set up by

fifty-five nonprofit organizations.

ed by donations from forty-five

local businesses and activities

hosted by the Belchertown Rec-

Wellness Fair on May 4.

about addiction.

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The Umbrella of Wellness

The mission of the Umbrella of Wellness Fair is "the augmentation of holistic well-being within the community through education, engagement, and empowerment." It accomplishes this mission by creating an envi-

ronment that educates the com-

munity on addiction prevention,

Fair is a collaborative event ortreatment, recovery and mental ganized by the Belchertown Rick's Place, a grief support Overcoming Addiction Together committee and the Belchertown group for childrens and families, Drug-Free Communities' Proprovided resources at their booth gram Director Kris Hoag. The managed by Olivia Murray and event was entirely free to the Lorelei Knoor. They said that they public and family-friendly. Food were both here to raise awareness trucks provided light meals, and and to help support children and families during times of grief. fun and engaging activities raised the community consciousness They agreed that "many have lost loved ones to drug abuse, and Since last year the event has we want to give them a space to

grieve and heal from their loss." a free raffle giveaway support- Pioneer Valley Suicide Preven- identify drugs and common hid- son walks out of here and decides tion Coalition. Representing them at their booth was Karen Carreira, a member of the Board of Directors who said, "Commu-

nity and connection are really a passed away after his first time key element in suicide prevention and mental wellness. This fair is doing just that."

with smiles.

Mary Howell, the manager at Anytime Fitness kept a booth with games and activities such as cornhole, a weighted hula hoop and more. She said "fitness is so important for physical and mental health. We're so pleased to be a part of this awesome event for the second year."

Checking into the attendance for the event allowed fairgoers to receive a \$10 food token redeemable at one of the food trucks. Locally owned food vendors such as the Rustic Fusion Mobile Cafe and Tony's Happy Valley Pizza served food in the parking lot.

Kelly Fisher, Founder of Alex's Army and Mother of Alex, Another group that showed held an interactive workshop ir support at the fair was the to help parents recognize and ing spots in a simulated teenage bedroom. Fisher urges parents to "talk early and often to your kids about drugs." Her son sadly

ever experimenting with drugs.

It's important that people understand that when you buy drugs on the street, you don't always get what you pay for. It's alarmingly common for street drugs to be laced with fatal substances like fentanyl.

The fair's main stage speaker this year was Chris Herren, a former professional NBA basketball player and founder of the nonprofit organization Herren Project. As a person engaged in long-term recovery, Chris seeks to share his story nationally to spark honest discussion on the topics of substance abuse disorder and addiction as a disease.

Herren says "I have a responsibility as a father and a man to do these presentations. I'm so grateful that I was asked to do this. I hope that at least one perto get better for themself and their family."

Baystate Health makes major changes on masking policy

SPRINGFIELD - In conjunction with the end of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023, which coincides with the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency, Baystate Health is announcing major changes regarding masking:

According to a news release, masks will now be optional for visitors (also referred to as care partners), as well as staff which includes in patient care areas at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield and Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer as well as at all medical practices and outpatient ser-

However, the use of masks, other personal protective equipment and isolation precautions for patients who have COVID-19 or other contagious diseases will not change.

While masks are now optional, they will be available for visitors to use at their own discretion. Also, if patients prefer, they can request that caregivers wear a mask while delivering clinical

All visitors must adhere to Baystate Health infection control practices that are in effect throughout the health system, including self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms, using signage at entrances and must be free of any COVID-19 symptoms. If a visitor selfscreens positively for symptoms or a diagnosis of COVID-19 infection in the past 10 days, they will not be allowed to enter the facility.

"The health and safety of patients, families and staff members is Baystate's top priority," the release states.

"Care partner visitation guidelines balance preventing the spread of COVID-19 with the needs of our patients and their loved ones. A care partner may be a relative, partner, friend or anyone the patient chooses to have at their side during care. The number of care partners welcomed will depend on the area of the hospital and patient circumstances."

As a reminder, visitation policies include:

Two visitors at a time for inpatients

One visitor at a time for adult Emergency Department

Two parents/guardians at a time for Pediatric Emergency Depart-

parents/guardians at a time for Baystate Children's Hospital

• Two visitors at a time for pa-

tients in the ICU

Two care partners allowed in the exam room, and 2 parents/care partners are allowed in pediatric exam room in outpatient centers and practices

• Children ages 5-18 must be

accompanied by an adult if visiting • Hospice/End-of-Life patients

One care partner for surgical patients may remain with patient through admission and accompany them into pre-op area/after the patient departs to the procedure room, the care partner may remain in the waiting area during the procedure/surgery

are exempt from restrictions

One care partner may be allowed in the PACU for visitation during extended period of post-operative care/a care partner may enter the PACU when the patient is ready for discharge to assist with the discharge process and receive discharge instructions with the patient/ if the patient is admitted, the care partner will follow the general visitation guidelines.

Also, for OB/GYN patients and

In Labor and Delivery, up to two designated care partners in room during delivery and up to two hours immediately after delivery/one care partner may remain for the duration of the hospital stay and come and go throughout the day/one additional care partner may visit during visitation hours, and both care partners can be at the bedside together

For prenatal/ultrasound appointments, one support person/care partner

In the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Continuing Care Nursery (CCN), both parents may visit the newborn together.

And, for COVID positive patients: Two visitors at a time for in-

No care partner in the Adult

Emergency Department unless a designated exception applies • No children under 14 unless a

designated exception applies. Visiting hours remain 8 a.m. to 8

Baystate Health will continue to monitor public health data alongside our own rate of employee infections regarding COVID-19. To ensure ongoing staff and patient safety, there may be a need to reinstate the mask policy should a surge of cases occur, the release states.

In addition, Baystate Health is regularly evaluating its visitation policy in accordance with the Governor, CDC, and DPH who are monitoring the constant evolution in our region which guides our updates. Visitation is at the discretion of Baystate Health.

For the latest information on masking and to see all exceptions for visitation, including obstetrics, go to baystatehealth.org/patients/visiting

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Mass. **Eldercare** conference HOLYOKE-The

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31st Annual Massachusetts Eldercare conference is be held on Thursday, June 8, at the Holyoke Community College Kittredge Center. The first keynote speech will feature Dora D. Robinson, adjunct professor at multiple colleges in the area, and be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The second keynote speech will feature Judith Black, a storyteller, from 1 to 2-:30 p.m. There will be

continental breakfast available. Various other workshops will be held throughout the day on multiple subjects affecting elders and their care team. To see the full details and register please visit https://jgslifecare. org/wmecc/.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in sentence form and as a Word doc or plain email text – no PDFs or flyers, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

THIS WEEK

Ware Grange's first gardening workshop of the year, "Veggies A - Z: Tips for Growing Everything from Asparagus to Zucchini," will be held on Friday, May 19 at 7pm at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware. Our presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications. Come learn tips for growing a wide variety of vegetables. A door prize drawing will be held. Visit us on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

PLANT SALE: Down To Earth Gardeners holds its 25th annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 20, at the United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street Monson (across from Dunkin' Donuts). There will be a large selection of plants for shade or for sun, including perennials, ground cover, shrubs, herbs and more. For more information, call Debi at 267-5207.

DINNER AND CONCERT: The Music Committee of First Church of Monson, 5 High Street, will host a dinner and concert On Saturday, May 20. Dinner, at 5 p.m., will consist of chicken parmigiana, pasta, salad, Italian bread and dessert. At 7 p.m., West Mass Brass will present a concert featuring its all-volunteer brass band performing in the British tradition. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Gail at 413-267-4818. Concert tickets only are \$5 and will be available at the door.

BINGO:: 6:25 p.m., Monday, May 22, at Amvets Post 74, 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. This is the last bingo session for the season. It will resume in the fall after Labor Day weekend. Kitchen opens at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK:

PADDLE TO PALMER: Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed invites the public to an opening day paddle of the lower Ware Blue Trail beginning at 9 a.m. on May 27. Bring a boat to paddle the 8.5 miles from Robbins Road in Ware to Bennett Street in Palmer. The trip should take about 2.5 hours and is considered a smooth run with one minor drop. RSVP with an email to Chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

HONORING THE FALLEN: The Ladies Auxiliary of Amvets Post 74 will conduct a "Field of Flags" memorial service at the Post, 2150 Main Street, Three Rivers, at noon on Sunday, May 28. For a \$5 donation people can get a flag for the field to represent a veteran, whose name will be read during the ceremony. Flag reservation forms are available at the Post.

UPCOMING

FREE MEMORY SCREENING: Benchmark Senior Living is offering a free memory screening, key to early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's and dementia, from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, in the Palmer Senior Center at 1029 Central Street.

SARAH THE FIDDLER: Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road in Monson, presents a free outdoor concert at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, on the side lawn (weather permitting). Bring a chair or blanket. Shuttle service will be available from Colonial Village at 12:30 p.m. and the parking lot at First Church on High Street from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, go to keephomesteadmuseum.org.

INTERESTS

CRAFTERNOONS: Drop in 2-4 p.m. daily at the Holland Public Library, 23 Sturbridge Rd. to learn or practice different crafts. New crafts every Wednesday. For more information, call 413-245-3607.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM: Located at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open yearround (handouts in box on one of the sign posts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum. org or visit keephomesteadmuseum.org.

QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD: Members meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Amvets post at 2150 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no-pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. Dues are \$55 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow them on Facebook for more.

ONGOING

LINE DANCING CLASS: 3-5 p.m.

and/or 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss St, Monson. Rose's line dancing classes include absolute beginners and beginners, and participants get to dance to all types of music. \$10 per class. Please wear comfortable footwear, no sandals.

GAME NIGHT: 6-7:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Top Floor Learning (third floor of the Palmer Library at 1455 N. Main St.). Free and open to the public. Play available board and card games or bring your own. Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult. No Registration Required – just show up! Questions? Call 283-2329, or 283-3691, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

NOTCH VISITOR CENTER OPEN FOR WINTER SEASON: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Monday. The center is located on Rt 116, at the center of the Holyoke Range State Park. DCR Interpretive staff will be available for visitors. Coming in January, programs will also be offered to highlight the Range's special nature in winter, see the park web site for details.

QI GONG: 6 p.m., every Tuesday night at Memorial Hall with Randy Emerson. Free, no registration. Presented by Monson Parks & Rec and the Monson Free Library,

Fire Logs

Bondsville

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to four calls for the the period May 9-15:

On Wednesday, May 10 at 12:59 a.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Vigeant Street in Ware for a structure fire and returned to service at 3:01 a.m.

On Thursday, May 11, at 2:25 p.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Norma Street in Palmer for a brush fire. The department returned to service at 3:13 p.m.

On Sunday, May 14, at 3:29 p.m., the department responded with mutual aid to Center Street in Thorndike for a brush fire and returned to service at 5:06 p.m.

On Monday, May 15, at 9:41 a.m., the department responded to South Main Street for medical assistance and returned to service at 10:05 a.m.

Second Chance to host golf tournament at Cold Spring Country Club

Proceeds will help pets in need

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services' 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown on Monday, July 24.

The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge and North Brookfield.

Second Chance Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray is encouraging golfers to sign up early.

"It's going to be a great day of golf to help pets," Doray said.

"Offering affordable veterinary care to help keep pets in their homes is more important than ever. Our Community Veterinary Hospitals provide a lifeline for pets in our community. By offering subsidized rates to qualified pet owners, we are helping keep pets out of shelters and with the people they love. The need is great and we're counting on golfers to come out and lend their support."

Golfers will be treated to a box lunch and banquet dinner, a bucket of balls for the range and a commemorative gift. Course and team challenges will include prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest and more. The hole-in-one contest offers a chance to win a spa from Teddy Bear Pools.

There will also be raffles and a small silent auction which will begin online a week before the tournament.

Second Chance is inviting local businesses to partner with them in the fight to end pet homelessness through access to veterinary care. The nonprofit is welcoming sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and is accepting donations for the tournament silent auction and raffle. Registration and information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second

Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be 9 a.m. and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

About Second Chance

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need. Last year Second Chance helped over 44,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community and educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at secondchanceanimals.org or on social media: facebook. com/secondchanceanimals; on Instagram: @secondchanceas and on Twitter: @secondchanceas.

'A Stranger in Town'

Local screenwriter lands first screenplay production

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARREN – Local screenwriter Ryan Drago landed his first produced screenplay "A Stranger In Town", a small-town thriller set in New England. The first day of filming took place

in Monson, featuring local business Antiques and Uniques.

The film also features scenes at

Snow's Garage in West Warren and other local settings.

"A Stranger In Town" is based on an unidentified man who "makes his way

into a small New England town where he is in conflict with a local gang." Drago said the idea manifested from "some fears of moving to a small

town" he experienced after relocating from the Boston area in 2007.

He said creating a movie "starts

from an instance and extends from that."
"It begins with what you know in

your everyday life - positive experiences, negative experiences, new experiences... Hang on to what people want to see," said Drago.

He added when people think of

New England, they may not necessarily think of "the small towns... you think of Boston," though there are many small towns.

"It's a very antique, nostalgic feel...We are fortunate to live here," said Drago.

He added the film started as a college project which he wrote 30 pages of script for.

However, the assignment was only

However, the assignment was only supposed to be 12 pages long and resulted in cutting a significant amount of content to meet that requirement.

About three years after graduating from Southern New Hampshire University, where he studied creative writ-

ing with an emphasis on screenwriting, Drago pitched his story idea to a producer

Producer, actor, writer and director Joseph "Joe" McGee of Hawk Studios in Connecticut believed in Drago's vi-



(Courtesy Photo Shown is a behind the scenes photo of cast and crew on set, filming inside Snow's Garage in West Warren.

sion and initiated production.

Drago thanks McGee for "investing in [his] work," and being part of the journey to make following his dream possible.

Drago said seeing his first screenplay production come to life is a "heartwarming" experience. "I'm following my passion and not

"I'm following my passion and not a lot of people follow their passion," said Drago.

While "A Stranger In Town" will land Drago his first screenwriting credit, he also has experience acting in pro-



Mauricio Viteri; front row from left is Brandon Whitney and Autumn Dickson.

(Turley Publications Photo by Dallas Gagnon)
Shown is cast and crew for the upcoming screenplay "A Stranger in Town". Back
row from left to right, is Joseph Pierro, Joe McGee, Ryan Drago, Hunter Compton,

duced films.

In April 2023, Drago attended his first movie premiere for the short film "The Last Stop", with McGee as the film's writer, director, and producer.

Drago plays Officer Barnes in the short film thriller and said his experience as an actor has helped him gain more perspective as a writer - especially relating to script formatting.

"It helped me learn about what I wanted for dialogue and action scenes,"

Although Drago said acting positively impacted his experience as a writer, his "biggest passion" is screen-

Drago attended Holyoke Community College after graduating from high school in 2014 with full intentions of pursuing creative writing.

While he briefly broadened his field of study to include broadcasting and communications, Drago said he "always kept writing in [his] back pocket," and

ultimately decided to focus on creative and screenwriting.

Drago said he has "a lot of ideas" and an important aspect of writing is remembering "to write it all down."

"My process tends to be concrete... If what I envisioned will work, I'll write it all down," said Drago.

He added moving forward in his career he is "looking forward to meeting people," as he has met so many "kind and inspirational people" throughout his

Drago said his friends and family have always been supportive of his goals.

"My friends were always rooting for me...They would say 'do what you love doing."

For updates on the film or to follow Drago's personal blog, "Ryan Drago: Screenwriter," scan the QR code or follow ryandrago_95 on Instagram.





Police/Fire

Police Logs

Palmer Police Dept.

The Palmer Police Department reported 386 incidents on its logs for May 9-16 including:

May 9

Levon Shaundale Johnson, 41, of 81 Cleveland Street in Springfield, was arrested at Cumberland Farms on N. Main Street and charged with receiving stolen property valued at \$1,200 or more and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Johnna L. Ricard, 58, of 41B Lake George Rd. in Wales, was arrested at Baystate Wing Hospital and charged with possession of a Class A drug.

Also that day, police arrested a 16 year old at Palmer High School who was charged with criminal harassment. No other details were provided.

May 10

Police responded to an accident with property damage at Pathfinder Tech.

Frank Stanton Mendelson, 25, of 49 Converse Street, Apt. 2 in Palmer, received a summons for a criminal charge of operating an uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle and speeding in the vicinity of Wilbraham and Baptist Hills streets.

May 11

Police investigated a breaking and entering with burglary on River Street in Three Rivers.

May 12

Joseph M. Galicia Jr., 41, of 1588 N. Main Street, Apt. 107 in Palmer, was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. No other details were provided.

May 13

Sarah Lynn Lovell, 40, of 36 Rockview Street in Palmer, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a family member. No other details were provided.

Monson Police Dept.

The Monson Police Department's log for April 30-May 6 included the following incidents:

May 8

Nicholas P. Monzillo, 43, of 836 St. James Ave. in Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation. No other details were provided.

May 11

Joshua William Abonte, 23, of 137 Oak Knoll Circle in Ludlow, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and improper operation (wrong way) of a motor vehicle.

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Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **June 12, 2023**, at the Wales Town Offices at 5:30 PM. on the application of Joel Jette (contractor) for project located at 66 Union Rd. in Wales. The applicant is seeking a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2.. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals." Specifically, the applicant wishes to construct an 8'X16' porch onto the existing structure. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales. net) under zoning board agenda for the above date. If you have any questions or concerns, please email planning@townofwales.net 05/18, 05/25/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 11 Flynt Street,

Palmer, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lance Bokowski and Lindsay Bokowski a/k/a Lindsey A. Bokowski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for E*Trade Wholesale Lending Corp., said mortgage dated July 23, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 16831 at Page 511 and now held by IslandCap LLC by virtue of an assignment from Gulf Harbour Investments Corporation to IslandCap LLC dated November 26, 2018 and recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, in Book 22627 at Page 477; previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for E-Loan Wholesale Lending Corp., its successors to Gulf Harbour Investments Corporation. by virtue of an assignment, dated October 31, 2018 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 22433 at Page 479, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public** Auction on June 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, subject to all encumbrances and prior liens, including the senior mortgage recorded on July 27, 2007 in Book 16831, Page 497 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Property Address: 11 Flynt Street, Palmer, MA

That Certain real estate situated on the southeasterly side of the highway leading from Palmer Center to Warren known as Warren Street and the Southwesterly side of Flynt Street, in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the line of row of stone posts on the Southeasterly side of Warren Street between Breckenridge Street and Flynt Street; thence running N. 60 degrees 40' East, one hundred forty two

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(142) feet along the southeasterly side of said Warren Street to an iron pin and in the same course about six

(6) feet to the southwesterly side of said Flynt Street to a point about twenty nine (29) feet easterly from an iron pin set by a stone post near a retaining wall; thence turning and running S. 57 degrees, 46' W. about one hundred seventy eight and 06/100 (178.06) feet along land now or formerly of Edward J. Pikul to an iron pin; and thence turning and running N. 29 degrees 20' W., one hundred thirty five (135.00) feet along last named land

to the place of beginning. Bearings used on the foregoing description indicate angular relation of the various courses to approximately magnetic north.

For our title see Deed recorded with the **Hampden County Registry** of Deeds at Book 15287 Page 576.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated August 25, 2005, and recorded in Book 15287 at Page 576 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. BENDETT & MCHUGH,

270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for IslandCap LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 05/11, 05/18, 05/25/2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF E OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Scott Duncan to USAlliance Federal Credit Union dated April 25, 2005 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 14966, Page 401 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM. on the 31st day of May, 2023 at 14 Paige Hill Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts 01010, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land located in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts on the westerly side of Paige Hill Road together with the buildings thereon and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, and shown as Parcel D and Parcel E on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Brimfield, Mass., Surveyed for Joseph H. and Carla M. Gelinas," said plan being recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 286, Page 4, and to

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For Mortgagor's title see said Registry Book 14966 Page 399 and Book 15345 Page 28.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements. restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession. TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) shall be required to be paid to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or bank's cashier check at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, by certified check or by bank cashier's check in or within 30 days from the date of the sale. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. USAlliance Federal Credit

Union Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorney, Edward P. McCarthy McCarthy Law Office, LLC 303 Wyman Street, Suite

Waltham, MA 02451 (781) 577-6686 05/04 05/11, 05/18/2023

Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G. L Chapter 40A the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals

will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:20 P.M. at the Monson

Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Francis Fijal for a variance from the requirements outlined in Section 3, Table 2, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws and a Special Permit to construct a 1,404 sq. ft. single-family home with a garage in the basement level on a preexisting non-conforming lot. The property is located at Hilltop Drive Map 75 and Parcel 71 and is zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the

hours by appointment. David Beaudoin, 05/11, 05/18/2023

application is on file with the

Zoning Board of Appeals and

can be viewed during office

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Hampden Probate and** Family Court **50 State Street**

Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P1669PM In the matter of: Timothy J Patenaude of Monson, MA **Protected Person/Disabled** Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF

ACCOUNT To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Conservator's Seventh

CONSERVATOR'S

Karen Patenaude of Monson, MA James Patenaude of

Account account(s) of

Monson, MA

as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 06/15/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and accont(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of

the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2023 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 05/18/2023

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Docket No. MI23A0603AD In the matter of: Talan Joseph Serena **CITATION** G.L. c. 210, §6

Joseph Lovely

and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Krista Barter of Malden, MA Earl Barter of Malden,

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be

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Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 27, 2023 Tara E. DeCristofaro

Register of Probate 05/11, 05/18, 05/25/2023

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 131, §40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesda, May 31. 2023 at 7:30 P.M. in the Large Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main St. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single-family home, driveway, and septic system within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland for the property identified as Assessors Map 053, Parcel 004A, Cote Rd. Property Owners are Kyle & Emily

White. Submitted by: Monson Conservation Commission 05/18/2023



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'Today is a good day not just for Barnes Air National Guard Base, but for the entire western Massachusetts community and the Commonwealth for that matter. The announcement on April 18 that the 104th Fighter Wing will be receiving a new fleet of F-35A aircraft comes after years of advocacy by the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, state leadership, and the Adjutant General for the Massachusetts National Guard Gary Keefe. Most importantly, this announcement is a testament to the dedicated service of the brave airmen and women of Barnes, whose integrity has upheld the superb reputation at Barnes, an integral factor in this decision-making process,» said Neal.

This announcement comes after a rigorous selection process by the U.S. Air Force that reviewed and considered a multitude of factors, including community support, environmental factors, and cost. The review process also included an assessment of the location's ability to facilitate the mission and infrastructure capacity. The assignment of a new fleet of F-35A aircraft at Barnes ANG guarantees the long-term viability of the base, ensuring the 104th Fighter Wing can continue its vital mission for

years to come. "This is just a good fit," said Keefe, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard. "The 104th has years of experience with the fighter mission at home and abroad, the community is used to fighter operations and provides tremendous support, and the base is perfectly located for defense of the homeland.»

"This decision validates the Wing's exceptional performance," said Air Force Col. David L. "Moon" Halasi-Kun, Commander of the 104th Fighter Wing. «We>ve provided air defense for 40 million Americans in New England and New York, a population that produces roughly 30% of the nation>s Gross Domestic Product, through the 24/7/365 no-fail Aerospace Control Alert mission, and

our stellar performance was a big

"The significance of the F-35A fighter jets coming to the 104th Fighter Wing simply cannot be overstated. This decision from the Pentagon not only solidifies the future of Barnes in our national defense strategy, but it will also bring transformative new economic investments to Westfield and our entire region,» said Velis. «From Congressman Neal and our federal delegation>s zealous advocacy at the Pentagon, to our work at the state level with the SPEED Act to help Massachusetts meet Department of Defense criteria, so many individuals played a role in making this happen. Most of all though, this announcement is a testament to the incredible men and women serving in the 104th Fighter Wing and throughout our common-

The basing decision becomes final after favorable completion of an ongoing Environmental Impact Statement on the proposal, upon which the Secretary of the Air Force will sign a Record of Decision. The signing of an ROD is expected by the summer of 2024, putting in motion the stationing of 18 new F-35A Lightning II aircraft at Barnes ANG.

Young Dancer receives Awards for **Solo Numbers**



Jillieann Gula performed award-winning solos.

THREE RIVERS - Jillieann Gula, age 13, excelled in another dance competition season.

Gula performed two solo numbers this competition season; one piece titled "Body Language," which was a jazz routine and the other an open routine that was titled, "Medicine."

Gula moved into a new age category this season, making her one of the youngest in her division. She went into this season just as ferociously as every other season, but knowing the odds were against her dancing against older, more seasoned dancers did not intimidate

With Gula's solo, "Medicine," she won two titles: Miss Teen Step Up 2 Dance and Miss Teen Elite, and she won two Special Judges' Choice Awards-both for Emotional Execution. These awards are voted on unan-

She won an "Emerging Star Award" that gives her the opportunity to work with Master Choreographers, an award that is only given to a few select dancers throughout the season. She also won a "Powerful Intensity Judges' Award."

For Gula's jazz solo, "Body Language," she won the honors of a "High Score Overall," having the highest scoring number in her age division and category. Gula won the title of "Miss Teen That's Entertainment," as well as a special judges' award that was titled "The



Jillieann Gula received awards for her dance recital this

Expressive Eyes Award".

Gula also won multiple National Invites and was selected to be on special dance teams while attending Nationals.

Multiple judges throughout the competition season were impressed with Gula's ability to commit to her pieces while dancing with emotion and telling a story.

> This summer Gula will be attending a National event with her studio in Hyannis. She will also be taking Master classes and starting her new routines for next season, and is already excited for next sea-

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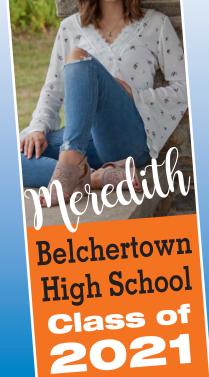
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